

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. In a computing system:

a computing means for processing data, and

a storage means, responsive to a request from the computing means, for sending a resource for processing the data to the computing means,

wherein the computing means is automatically programmed to send a request to the storage means for the resource, and

a sending of the resource is accomplished over a local area network or the Internet.

2. In a printing system:

a computing means for sending a document in a page description language (PDL) to a printing means, and

a storage means, responsive to a request from the computing means, for sending the PDL program to the printing means,

wherein either the printing or the computing means is automatically programmed to send a request to the storage means for the PDL program, and

a sending of the PDL program is accomplished over a local area network or the Internet.

3. In a printing system:

a computing means for sending a document in a page description language (PDL) to a printing means, and for sending a payment to a vending means for the PDL program, and

the vending means, responsive to a request, for sending a bill to the computing means, and, responsive to a payment, for sending the PDL program to the printing means,

wherein either the printing or the computing means is adapted to send a request to the vending means for the PDL program, and

a sending of the PDL program is accomplished over a local area network or the Internet.

4. The system of Claim 2 or 3 wherein the printer is adapted to identify the PDL program by inspecting the document.